



## **Certification and Higher Education Committee**

### **Maine State Board of Education**

### **Minutes of the April 25, 2011 Meeting**

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, April 25, 2011, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins and Jana Lapoint (Board Members), Mark Cyr and Harry Osgood (DOE Staff), and Mary Becker, SBE Secretary Associate.

Guest: Andrew McAuliff, Maine School Management Association; Dan Conley, Senior Account Representative, Pearson

#### Call to Order:

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

#### Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Nancy Perkins and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2011 meeting as written.

#### Updates

##### ➤ Certification (Mark Cyr):

- That he is busy with the Legislative Session.
- That he is working on proposed changes to Chapter 13 – “Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators”. The proposed changes to Chapter 13 stem from the ongoing revision (regeneration) process employed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Each Praxis exam undergoes regeneration every five years. The end result is a recommended cut off score that is deemed appropriate for the just qualified candidate (JQC). The current language of Chapter 13 includes a table listing all required tests and qualifying scores. As a result, Chapter 13 must be opened every year to accommodate changes to the 5-10 tests that are regenerated each year. This proposed change eliminates the table and other references to most specific tests and scores and refers constituents to the ETS website or the Certification Office of the Maine Department of Education for the necessary information. This would allow the State Board of Education to review and approve yearly changes and then direct the Coordinator of Certification to make necessary updates to the ETS website, evaluation letters, and other information

provided to applicants by the Certification Office. The final draft will go before the State Board of Education on May 11, 2011 requesting approval to proceed with Rulemaking of Chapter 13 in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

➤ Higher Education (Harry Osgood):

- That the Chapter 114 Stakeholders Group will be holding its first meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2011. This group is conducting a comprehensive review of 05-071, Chapter 114, Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel. A Google account has been created that is password protected for members of the group to use to access the three workbooks that the group will be using for each session. All sessions will be taped and posted on the website for members to listen to that are not able to attend a meeting. Connect Pro will be available for members who are not able to attend in person. Don Siviski has been added to the Stakeholder Group.
- That the Lesley University Team Review to renew its current authorization to offer academic credit programs in Maine is scheduled for May 6, 2011.
- That the University of New England (UNE) Team Review for additional degree-granting authorization to award the Doctor of Practical Nursing Degree is scheduled for May 12, 2011.

Teacher Certification Presentation (Dan Conley):

The Educator Effectiveness – New England Regional Solutions Summit was held in Hadley, Massachusetts at Evaluations Systems group of Pearson facility on April 5, 2011. Dan gave an overview to the committee and shared materials from the summit. The purpose of the Hadley, Massachusetts meeting was an initial discussion about reciprocal certification across the New England states.

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2011 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 541 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.